

## 7.3 Understanding Urban Places



# Why Cities Are Where They Are

- Cities are located where they are for specific reasons
- The main reasons were for:

# Access to Water





# Fertile land



# Why Cities Are Where They Are

- Other factors also included:



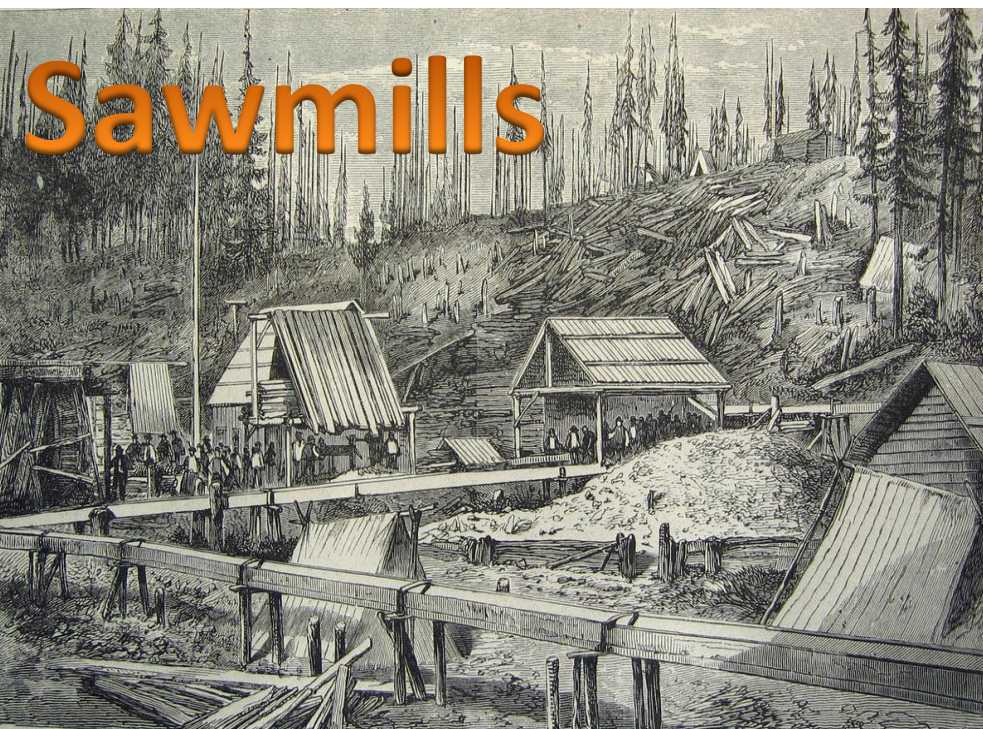


Harbor



# Why Cities Are Where They Are

- The community lay along a river because it used the running water to power early industries such as



AND







Railroads



# Why Cities Are Where They Are

- Developed beside a major highway so they could provide travelers with



# Why Cities Are Where They Are

- The community began at an important road intersection
- Around plenty of natural resources such as





# Communities Across Canada

- Every major city in Canada progressed through the following **urban hierarchy** according to size:

**Hamlet → village → town → city**

# The Hamlet

- The hamlet is the smallest type of settlement
- Hamlets have about 8 or 10 buildings
- Provides very limited services
- Today a hamlet may have a gas station
- EX.....Cormac, Ontario







# The Village

- A village has typically between 200 and 800 people

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# The Town

- Towns are communities with a population of 1000 to 10 000
- Most towns have a main shopping area and provide all the main goods and services their residents need

# Deep River



# The City

- A city has a population of 10 000 or more
- All cities provide more goods and services that do towns
- A town could not support large car dealers such as Honda



# The City

- A



is an example of a  
**high order good.**

A good only available  
in cities.

- A **low order good** , or a good sold everywhere



# Land Uses in the City

- Within each city there are a variety of land uses that meet the needs of people who live there
- City land uses include the following:



# Residential Land Uses

Homes



40%



# Commercial Land Uses





# Industrial Land Uses

**Factories**



**6%**

# Institutional Land Uses



10%



# Recreational Land Uses



# Transportation

33%





# Residential Land Use

- Most cities have housing that suits a variety of income levels and lifestyles
- Sometimes low cost housing is low in supply

# Industrial Land Use

- Industrial land is vital to a city because industries employ many people and bring money into the city.



# Changing Cities

## Modern City Problems

- As more and more people move to the city, the cities have a hard time coping because of the extra strain on the facilities
- Traffic gridlocks, creates more pollution and long waiting times
- Cities also face problems such as:

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Increased Crime Rate



**Overcrowding in Schools**





**RUNDOWN CITY AREAS**



In the latest effort to curb drunken driving, an Oklahoma state representative proposes marking the driver's licenses of people with drunken driving convictions. (ABC News Photo Illustration)